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USDA AWARDS

The Department of Agriculture honored 12 SEA individuals and four groups at the 35th annual honor awards program May 28. Deputy Secretary Richard Lyng presented the awards.

Four of the seven individuals receiving the Distinguished Service Award, USDA's highest citation, are associated with SEA, and the of the two groups receiving this high honor are SEA research units. They are as follows:

C. Allen Bock, extension specialist, Illinois Cooperative Extension Service, Urbana, Ill., for outstanding leadership in developing and implementing an innovative, nationwide tax education program that has a significant impact on over 6 million American taxpayers annually;

Jane B. Davidson, home economics extension agent, Forsyth County Cooperative Extension Service, Winston-Salem, N.C., for initiating and skillfully developing innovative programs to improve the lives of the hearing impaired and other physically handicapped people;

Virgil A. Johnson, research agronomist, SEA-AR, Lincoln, Neb., for research on breeding wheat for nutrition and yield that has improved wheat as a worldwide food source;

Warren C. Shaw, national research program leader, Beltsville, Md., for creative leadership and contributions to national agriculture in developing weed control and agricultural chemical technology and basic weed science research resulting in improved production and lower cost of food and fiber;

Citrus Insects Laboratory, Weslaco, Tex., and the Citrus Insect Research Unit, U.S. Horticultural Laboratory, Orlando, Fla., for outstanding public service in developing procedures for rearing citrus blackfly parasites, demonstrating the feasibility of biological control of citrus blackflies; group members William G. Hart, Allen G. Selhime, Sammy J. Ingle, Robert H. Rhode, Claudio A. Garcia, Jesus Caballero, Ruben L. Garcia, Manuel Sanchez-Riviello, Charles R. Crittenden, Robert F. Kanavel, and Moises G. Garza;

Trickle Ammonia Research Team, Northern Regional Research Center, Peoria, Ill., for the discovery and development of the trickle ammonia process to save fuel, maintain feed safety, and reduce costs in drying wet corn; group members Rodney J. Bothast, Roy A. Anderson, Edward B. Bagley, Clifford W. Hesseltine, E. B. Lancaster, Gerald W. Nofsinger, and Ralph T. Ross.

The following SEA employees received Superior Service Awards:

Edward W. Baker, Beltsville, Md., for pioneering research on mite classification, intensive research on the systematics of plant-feeding mites, and exemplary international leadership in acarology;

Sharon W. Berry, evaluation and impact staff, Washington, D.C., for exceptional contributions to the successful formation of the evaluation and impact staff and its subsequent merger with the current and future priorities staff;

Ernest L. Corley, chief of the program planning staff, Beltsville, Md., for outstanding leadership in program planning and budget development, significantly contributing to the operations of the Science and Education Administration;

Dean F. Davis, Gainesville, Fla., for extraordinary performance as the research director of the Florida-Antilles area;

Jane A. Sherer, Illinois Cooperative Extension Service, Urbana, Ill., for vision, exemplary leadership, and professional dedication in initiating and delivering education programs that enhance the quality of life for many low-income families in Illinois and the nation;

S. Porter Smith, West Virginia Cooperative Extension Service, Romney, W. Va., for outstanding contributions to the people of Hampshire County and the Extension Service of West Virginia University in rural development, agriculture, and 4-H;

Janice Weber, Oregon Cooperative Extension Service, Corvallis, Ore., for creative development and leadership in educational programs leading to the more effective use of human and material resources;

Davis F. Young, Jr., Mississippi Cooperative Extension Service, Mississippi State, Miss., for leadership in bringing programs, people, and funds together for problem-solving action resulting in more profit for farmers and a cleaner environment for the people of Mississippi;

Nonpoint Source Pollution Modeling Team, Southeast Watershed Research Laboratory, Tifton, Ga., for exceptional achievements in organizing and coordinating a multidisciplinary team resulting in the development of an area-wide waste management plan; team members Walter G. Knisel, Jr., Maurice H. Frere, George R. Foster, Ralph A. Leonard, Arlin D. Nicks, Roger E. Smith, and Jimmy R. Williams;

Nutrition, Sterility and Quality Control Research Unit and Mass Rearing Engineering Research Unit of SEA-AR and Methods Development Unit of APHIS, Boll Weevil Research Laboratory, Mississippi State, Miss.; team members James E. Wright, Jack G. Griffin, Jack W. Haynes, Oliver H. Lindig, John R. McCoy, Glenn Wiygul, Jon Roberson, Theodore B. Davich, Carleton D. Ranney, Richard L. Ridgway, and Paul Koenig.

DIRECTOR'S AWARDS

On May 29, we held the Second Annual Director's Awards Ceremony in the patio of the Administration Building. Director's Awards were presented to 16 individuals and groups in the categories of Equal Employment Opportunity, Program Management, and Special Achievement. We also honored the recipients of seven prestigious outside awards and the 16 SEA winners of Distinguished and Superior Service Awards. We also presented 40-year Length of Service certificates to Martin Jacobson, chief of the Biologically Active Natural Products Laboratory, Beltsville, Md., and Robert C. Ziepol, contract specialist in the Administrative Services Division of our headquarters office in Hyattsville, Md.

The following were Director's Award winners:

Alice F. Skelsey, chief, information staff, Washington, D.C., for unusual creativity in organizing an information program and staff to help carry out the concept of a unified science and education function;

John M. Brazzel, staff chief, program analysis staff, Washington, D.C., for exceptional accomplishments in the advancement of equal employment opportunity in the program analysis staff;

Thomas E. Walton, leader, Arthropod-Borne Animal Diseases Research, Denver, Colo., for outstanding scientific accomplishments in virology and for innovative research leadership investigating insect-transmitted viruses of domestic animals;

Thomas J. Sexton, chief, Avian Physiology Laboratory, Beltsville, Md., for development of a procedure to freeze chicken semen which has accelerated worldwide genetic improvement of the domestic chicken;

Biologically Active Natural Products Laboratory, Beltsville, Md., for outstanding team effort in isolating, identifying, and developing methods to use natural chemicals in plants to inhibit insect infestation; team members Martin Jacobson, J. David Warthen, Jr., and Edward C. Uebel;

Jean H. Dawson, leader, weed control research, Prosser, Wash., for innovative research and leadership in development of basic knowledge of weed-crop interrelationships, mode of action, and methods of herbicide application;

Executive/Congressional Correspondence Team, Washington, D.C., for distinguished responsiveness and sensitivity in answering inquiries from the White House, Congress, and the public; team members Linda R. Anzelmo, Frances B. Critzer, Andrew J. Kral, Jr., Rita A. Thurmon, and Rosemary G. Webb;

Christine E. Carswell, employee relations specialist, personnel branch, Beltsville, Md., for special achievement in the development of the Employee Assistance Program for SEA Headquarters and Northeastern Region;

Plant Protection Phytochemistry Unit, Berkeley, Calif., for the discovery of naturally occurring factors in crops responsible for insect resistance, and applying the knowledge for genetic improvement of crops; group members Anthony C. Waiss, Jr., Ronald G. Binder, Bock G. Chan, David L. Dreyer, Carl A. Elliger, and Alan E. Goodban;

Program and Budget Development Team, Beltsville, Md., for superior achievement as a team in developing the Science and Education Administration's program and budget plan for fiscal year 1982; team members James W. Smith, Ira D. Branson, Leonard L. Jansen, Virginia M. Duckworth, Marlene P. Evans, and Shirley J. Thompson;

Clare I. Harris, deputy administrator, CR, Washington, D.C., for outstanding service to SEA while serving in the position of associate director;

Merit Pay/Performance Appraisal Steering Committee and Project Team, from SEA units around the country, for outstanding efforts in implementing the performance appraisal and merit pay systems in SEA; team members David E. Zimmer, Charles L. Beer, William G. Chace, Jr., Donald K. Childers, Charles H. Cook, James T. Hall, Harry Herlich, James L. Hilton, Robert D. Jackson, Marva N. Jett, June Kelsay, Janette R. Kennedy, S. Ray Leaman, Kenneth L. Lebsock, Edward C. Miller, Albert A. Piringer, Jr., Francis X. Riley, Jr., Glen E. Vanden Berg, Robert A. Rhodes, Robert F. Barnes, Lynne M. Carbone, Barbara A. Pastuszak, Geri C. Richmond, and John J. Sharkey III;

Michael D. Christensen, chief, personnel division, Washington, D.C., for excellent leadership of SEA's personnel program;

Glenda Pifer, program coordinator for special projects, program development, coordination and evaluation staff, Washington, D.C., for outstanding leadership in comprehensive Extension energy programs;

Ovid Bay, program coordinator for small farms, program development, coordination and evaluation staff, Washington, D.C., for outstanding efforts in behalf of Extension and other federal agency small farm programs, utilizing his skills as a communicator to advance small farm program goals;

William D. Ladd, executive assistant to the director, Washington, D.C., for continued excellence in support of the SEA director's office and the improvement of cooperation and communication between SEA organization units;

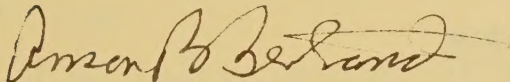
In addition, I presented Claudene Spence, former secretary to the SEA director, Herndon, Va., with a cash award for outstanding efforts which were instrumental in assisting the director in solidifying the organization of the Science and Education Administration from four separate agencies.

OUR THANKS

Our award winners deserve special thanks from all of us who work in SEA. They have served as visible examples of excellence, demonstrating that obstacles can be overcome and goals pursued successfully within a large and complex organization and within the constraints of governmental processes.

The broad and vital programs carried out by SEA would not have been possible without strong and creative efforts on the part of support staffs, and it is appropriate that some of them also received awards.

We salute all of the award winners for their ability, dedication, energy, perseverance, and, perhaps most of all, for their integrity and purpose. They are individuals whose dedication to the national welfare is demonstrated through a thoughtful and creative approach to every undertaking. I thank them for the example they have set for us all.



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